IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

WILLIAM S. RITTER, JR., : No. 3:15cv1235

Petitioner :

: (Judge Munley)

V.

:(Magistrate Judge Carlson)

JOHN TUTTLE, et al.,

Respondents :

<u>ORDER</u>

AND NOW, to wit, this 14th day of December 2018, it is hereby **ORDERED** as follows:

- 1) The petitioner's objections to the magistrate judge's report and recommendation (Doc. 44) are **OVERRULED**;
- 2) The magistrate judge's report and recommendation (Doc. 43) is **ADOPTED** in that William S. Ritter, Jr.'s habeas corpus petition is **DENIED**;
- 3) For the reasons set forth in the accompanying memorandum, we decline to issue a certificate of appealability; and
- 4) The Clerk of Court is directed to close this case.

BY THE COURT:

s/ James M. Munley
JUDGE JAMES M. MUNLEY
United States District Court